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**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES  
APPLICATION AND LICENSING PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN CHANNELS  
RELINQUISHED BY SPRINT NEXTEL CORPORATION  
IN THE 809.5-815/854.5-860 MHZ BAND**

**Application Filing Commences December 16, 2010**  
**Pre-Filing Coordination Notification Commences December 2, 2010**

**WT Docket No. 02-55**

By this *Public Notice*, the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) announces that on **December 16, 2010**, it will begin accepting applications for licensing of certain available channels in the 809.5-815/854.5-860 MHz (Channels 251- 470) portion of the 800 MHz band that have been, or will be, relinquished by Sprint Nextel Corporation (Sprint) in certain National Public Safety Planning Advisory Committee (NPSPAC) regions. Specific information regarding available channels, application filing procedures, and frequency coordination requirements is set forth below.

Applicants who receive licenses for channels vacated by Sprint in accordance with this *Public Notice* must provide 60 days notice to Sprint<sup>1</sup> before they activate a channel for testing or the commencement of operations.

## **Background**

In July 2004, the Federal Communications Commission ordered the reconfiguration of the 800 MHz band to eliminate interference to public safety and other land mobile communication systems operating in the band.<sup>2</sup> As part of this plan, the Commission provided that spectrum vacated by Sprint in the Interleaved Band (809-815/854-860 MHz) would temporarily be made available for licensing exclusively to public safety and critical infrastructure industry (CII) entities.<sup>3</sup> Specifically, the Commission ordered that, upon initiation of licensing, eligibility for the vacated interleaved band channels will be limited to public safety entities for the first three years after the opening of a filing window and to public safety and CII entities for the following two years. After five years, any remaining

<sup>1</sup> Notice should be provided to Sprint by email at [800mhzinterleavedspectrum@sprint.com](mailto:800mhzinterleavedspectrum@sprint.com).

<sup>2</sup> See Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band, *Report and Order, Fifth Report and Order, Fourth Memorandum Opinion and Order, and Order*, 19 FCC Rcd 14969 (2004) (800 MHz Report and Order).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*, 19 FCC Rcd at 15052 ¶ 152.

vacated channels will revert to their original frequency pools and be available for licensing to any eligible applicant.<sup>4</sup>

The Interleaved Band channels are being made available for licensing and use by eligible public safety agencies in each NPSPAC region on a staged basis. After new licenses are granted, Sprint will vacate any channel on 60 days notice from the new licensee that it is ready to use the channel. The channels that will be newly available to public safety agencies are identified by region in Appendix A. In certain NPSPAC regions, all vacated Interleaved Band channels will be available.<sup>5</sup> In other NPSPAC regions,<sup>6</sup> Interleaved Band channels continue to be released in stages as follows:

- Stage 1: Sprint channels in the 809-809.5/854-854.5 MHz block of the Interleaved Band were made available in non-border NPSPAC regions. This stage was initiated on January 28, 2009 and applications for these channels may still be filed.<sup>7</sup>
- Stage 2: Sprint channels in the 809.5-810.5/854.5-855.5 MHz block will be available in each region when 10% of channels in the former NPSPAC block (*i.e.*, 12 channels) are clear<sup>8</sup> in the NPSPAC region.<sup>9</sup>
- Stage 3: Sprint channels in the 810.5-812/855.5-857 MHz block will be available in each region when 50% of channels in the former NPSPAC block (*i.e.*, 60 channels) are clear in the NPSPAC region.
- Stage 4: Sprint channels in the 812-814/857-859 MHz block will be available in each region when 75% of channels in the former NPSPAC block (*i.e.*, 90 channels) are clear in the NPSPAC region.

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<sup>4</sup> *Id.* See 47 C.F.R. §§ 90.615, 90.617(g). Note that, except for channels assigned to relocating licensees by the 800 MHz Transition Administrator, both the Expansion Band and Guard Band Channels are unavailable for licensing. The date and the conditions under which these channels will be made available will be announced in a future Commission *Public Notice*. See n. 12 *infra*.

<sup>5</sup> See Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band, *Order*, 25 FCC Rcd 3270 (2010) (*Sprint Waiver Order*). Pursuant to this order, Sprint was required to vacate all remaining Interleaved Band spectrum in 25 non-border NPSPAC regions as of March 31, 2010. *Id.*, 23 FCC Rcd at 3274 ¶ 12

<sup>6</sup> Staged release applies to the following NPSPAC regions : 1 – Alabama; 6 – Northern California; 8 – New York Metro; 9 – Florida; 14 – Indiana; 16 – Kansas; 18 – Louisiana; 19 – New England; 20 – Maryland, Washington, DC, Northern Virginia; 27 – Nevada; 28 – New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware; 31 – North Carolina ; 34 – Oklahoma; 36 – Western Pennsylvania; 37 – South Carolina; 39 – Tennessee; 40 – Dallas, Texas; 42 – Virginia; 49 – Austin, Texas; 51 – Houston, Texas; 54 – Chicago Metro. *Sprint Waiver Order*, 23 FCC Rcd at 3274 ¶ 13.

<sup>7</sup> See Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Announces Application and Licensing Procedures for Channels Relinquished by Sprint Nextel Corporation in the 809-809.5/854-854.5 MHz Band, *Public Notice*, 23 FCC Rcd 18343 (2008) (*Initial Interleaved Public Notice*).

<sup>8</sup> “Clear” as the term is used herein means that public safety licensees have vacated the stated percentages of the NPSPAC channels in a NPSPAC region and relocated to new frequencies. Because Sprint operates on 25 kHz spaced channels, we define a “clear” channel for this purpose as a 25 kHz channel vacated by NPSPAC incumbents throughout the stated percentages of the NPSPAC region.

<sup>9</sup> The threshold for Stage 2 clearing was lowered from 25 percent to 10 percent. See *Sprint Waiver Order*, 25 FCC Rcd 3270, 3274 at ¶ 14.

region.<sup>10</sup> Sprint will also make its channels in the 814-815/859-860 MHz block available if there is public safety demand for additional channels in the NPSPAC region.<sup>11</sup>

- **Stage 5:** To the extent that channels in the 814-815/859-860 MHz block have not been made available in Stage 4, Sprint channels in this block will be available in each region when 90% of channels in the former NPSPAC block (*i.e.*, 108 channels) are clear in the NPSPAC region.<sup>12</sup>

### **Information Regarding Available Channels**

To facilitate licensing of available channels, Sprint has cancelled or modified a number of its site-based and Economic Area (EA)-based licenses that include channels in the 809.5-815/854.5-860 MHz band (Channels 251- 470) in certain regions. As of this date, the amount of spectrum vacated by Sprint varies by NPSPAC region. By this *Public Notice*, we are announcing that additional spectrum, up to Stage 5 in some regions, will be available for application beginning on **December 16, 2010**.<sup>13</sup> Table 1 in Appendix A lists, for each region, the date on which public safety entities may apply for specific vacated Sprint channels.<sup>14</sup>

To identify specific channels that are available for licensing, interested parties should consult the Vacated Channel Search Engine (VCSE) accessible at <http://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/UlsSearch/searchLicense.jsp>.<sup>15</sup> The VCSE contains detailed geographic and frequency data regarding these vacated channels. The vacated channel public access file, which can

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<sup>10</sup> In the Southeast ESMR Band Plan area, Sprint is only required to vacate channels below 813.5/858.5 MHz, which is the dividing line in that area between the ESMR and non-ESMR portions of the band.

<sup>11</sup> Public safety entities will be allowed to apply for channels in the 814-815/859-860 MHz block in Stage 4 if the frequency coordinator certifies that there are no suitable Interleaved Band channels available to the applicant below 814/859 MHz.

<sup>12</sup> Sprint channels in the 815-816/860-861 MHz Expansion Band block will not be available in any region until 90% of the channels in the former NPSPAC block (*i.e.*, 108 channels) are clear, and a Public Notice is issued to that effect. Additionally, Sprint channels in the 816-817/861-862 MHz Guard Band block will not be available in any region until 100% of channels in the former NPSPAC block (*i.e.*, 120 channels) are clear in the region and a Public Notice is issued to that effect. This restriction does not apply to channels assigned by the 800 MHz Transition Administrator as part of rebanding.

<sup>13</sup> This date does not apply to public safety entity applications for vacated channels made available previously. Those channels may be applied for at any time. Please note, however, that certain regions or portions of regions listed in Table 1, of Appendix A are subject to a freeze along the U.S.-Canada border and in Puerto Rico and no channels are available for licensing in those areas until the freeze is lifted. *See* Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Reinstates 800 MHz Application Freeze for Wave 4 Border Area NPSPAC and Non-NPSPAC Licensees Along The U.S.-Canada Border, *Public Notice*, 25 FCC Rcd 11049 (PHSHSB 2010). *See also* Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Announces That the 18-Month Transition Period for 800 MHz Band Reconfiguration in Puerto Rico (Region 47) Will Commence on September 20, 2010, *Public Notice*, 25 FCC Rcd 13110 (PHSHB 2010). Any records in the freeze areas which were previously made available have had their availability date removed and a new date—re-starting the eligibility periods—will be inserted once the freeze is lifted.

<sup>14</sup> Certain NPSPAC regions are omitted from Table 1 if all the counties within that NPSPAC region are impacted by the border region band plans. Furthermore, in those instances where a NPSPAC region includes both border and non-border portions, Table 1 identifies, by county, those portions of the NPSPAC region in which 809.5-815/854.5-860 MHz channels are unavailable pending implementation of border region band plans.

<sup>15</sup> *See* Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Establish New 800 MHz Vacated Channel Search Engine for Identifying Vacated Channels in the 800 MHz Interleaved Band That Will be Available for Licensing to Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure Industry Entities, *Public Notice*, 23 FCC Rcd 16481 (2008).

be downloaded by users with data-processing capability (e.g., frequency coordinators), may be accessed at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=transaction&page=weekly>. Although Expansion Band and Guard Band channels are listed in the VCSE, they are not available for licensing at this time.<sup>16</sup>

For channels available for licensing pursuant to this *Public Notice*, the VCSE will specify **December 16, 2010** as the availability date in the “Channel Availability” field. Please note that we will continue to update the VCSE on a regular basis with additional information regarding available channels as Sprint and other licensees relocate to the ESMR band and non-cellular licensees relocate to the Guard band.

### **Application Procedures**

Beginning on **December 16, 2010**, Commission-certified frequency coordinators may file applications on behalf of eligible applicants (see “Exclusive Eligibility Periods” below) in the Universal Licensing System (ULS) for vacated channels specified in this *Public Notice*. Any application filed for these channels before the initial filing date will be dismissed.

To be accepted for filing, applications must be coordinated by a certified frequency coordinator (see “Frequency Coordination” below) that follows pre-filing coordination procedures to eliminate conflicts between applications prior to their being filed with the Commission (see “Pre-filing Coordination Procedures” below). If coordinators do file mutually exclusive applications, all will be dismissed without prejudice. Applications must meet the frequency limitations specified in Sections 90.623 and 90.627 of the Commission’s rules.<sup>17</sup> Due to the limited availability of channels during the period of exclusive eligibility, applicants will be permitted to apply for no more than five channels per fixed location. Furthermore, requests for extended implementation pursuant to Section 90.629 of the Commission’s rules will be subject to a high level of scrutiny and will not be routinely granted.<sup>18</sup>

In addition, PSHSB has limited the eligibility for applying for vacated channels to (1) public safety licensees that have fully executed Frequency Reconfiguration Agreements (FRAs) at the time they apply for the vacated channels, and (2) public safety licensees that are either not required to reband or have completed the rebanding process.<sup>19</sup> Public safety licensees ineligible to apply for vacated channels as of the release date of this Public Notice are listed in Appendix B.<sup>20</sup>

### **Frequency Coordination**

Applications for vacated channels made available pursuant to this *Public Notice* must include a certification of frequency coordination by an appropriate Commission-certified frequency coordinator in accordance with Section 90.175 of the Commission’s rules.<sup>21</sup>

The certification must state that the coordinator has searched the VCSE and the Commission’s licensing database and has verified that the frequencies and locations being applied for are available for

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<sup>16</sup> See *supra* n.12

<sup>17</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 90.623, 90.627.

<sup>18</sup> 47 C.F.R. §90.629.

<sup>19</sup> See Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band, *Order*, 25 FCC Rcd 3246, 3248 at ¶ 9 (2010).

<sup>20</sup> Licensees on the list in Appendix B will become eligible to apply for vacated channels after the licensee’s FRA is approved by the 800 MHz Transition Administrator and is fully executed by the licensee and Sprint Nextel.

<sup>21</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 90.175.

licensing under the rules and the procedures detailed in this *Public Notice*. The certification must include the applicant's name, a list of locations/frequencies that were the subject of the search, and the search date. Additionally, all applications filed for these vacated channels, notified for coordination prior to **December 16, 2010**, must comply with the pre-filing coordination procedures detailed below.

When coordinating applications for vacated site-based channels, the frequency coordinator must confirm that the 22 dBμ V/m F(50,10) contour of the proposed facility does not extend beyond the 22 dBμ V/m F(50,10) contour of the vacated facility.<sup>22</sup> The contour of the vacated facility must be calculated using the maximum Effective Radiated Power specified in Section 90.635(b) of the rules,<sup>23</sup> and the actual antenna height above average terrain (HAAT).<sup>24</sup>

When coordinating applications for vacated EA-based channels, the frequency coordinator must confirm that the 40 dBμ V/m F(50,50) contour of the proposed facility does not extend into an adjacent EA where the channel is unavailable for licensing.<sup>24</sup>

Frequency coordinators are not required to submit the contour analysis described above with the application, but must retain records of their studies and VCSE/database searches for six months after the application is granted.

Finally, applicants should be aware that the channels to be vacated by Sprint in the Interleaved Band are in a variety of pools (General Category, Business/Industrial/Land Transportation, and SMR), each of which has a specific set of eligible coordinators. In the event that a frequency coordinator is not eligible to coordinate a channel category specified in an application, it must obtain the concurrence of an eligible coordinator.

### **Pre-Filing Coordination Procedures**

Pursuant to this *Public Notice*, frequency coordinators may accept applications for vacated channels specified in this *Public Notice* that are submitted to them for coordination.<sup>25</sup> In order to avoid the possibility of the Commission receiving mutually exclusive applications, each frequency coordinator must provide notification of each application submitted to it for coordination to all other participating coordinators prior to filing the application with the Commission. The purpose of this notification is to enable frequency coordinators to address and resolve conflicting applications prior to filing an application with the Commission.<sup>26</sup> If mutually exclusive applications are filed, all will be dismissed without prejudice.

The notification process will commence on **December 2, 2010**, at 8:00 AM Eastern Standard Time. At that time, but no earlier, each frequency coordinator may submit electronic notification to the other participating coordinators of applications it has prepared for coordination.<sup>27</sup> The exact date and

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<sup>22</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 90.693(b).

<sup>23</sup> The maximum ERP varies with the antenna height above average terrain (HAAT). For instance, a maximum ERP of 1000 watts is permitted for all HAAT values below 305 meters. See 47 C.F.R. § 90.635(b).

<sup>24</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 90.689(b).

<sup>25</sup> Coordinators may also accept applications submitted to them for coordination prior to the date of this *Public Notice*, provided that they comply with the pre-filing coordination notification procedures set forth in this *Public Notice*.

<sup>26</sup> See Letter dated May 22, 2009 from William Brownlow, Chairman, Public Safety Communications Council to David L. Furth, Acting Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Attachment (Memorandum of Agreement).

<sup>27</sup> Each notification must be filed individually, batch filing is not permitted.

time of each notification will be time-stamped in a shared database using an automated process agreed to by all participating coordinators.<sup>28</sup> Applications that are submitted for notification must include the following exhibits:

- A showing that the appropriate contour of the proposed facility is within the contour of the vacated facility or, in the case of vacated EA spectrum, does not extend into an adjacent EA where the channel is not available for licensing;
- A statement verifying channel availability;
- A study detailing the directional height of the antenna above average terrain (DHAAT) for any proposed facility employing the short-spacing separation table in Section 90.621(b)(4) of the rules.<sup>29</sup>

All participating frequency coordinators will check each notified application for conflicts with other notified applications. Conflicting applications that are submitted for notification on the same date will be considered “mutually exclusive.” In such cases, the application with the earliest notification date and time stamp will take precedence when frequency choices are made pursuant to the coordinators’ agreed-to procedures for eliminating mutually exclusive channel conflicts. However, later-notified mutually exclusive applications may maintain their priority for channels that have no conflicts. In instances where an application submitted for pre-filing coordination conflicts with an application notified on an earlier date, the later-notified applicant must either delete the pertinent conflicting channel or utilize an engineering solution to eliminate the conflict prior to the coordinator’s filing of the application with the Commission. Mutually exclusive applications filed with the Commission will be dismissed without prejudice.

#### **Exclusive Eligibility Periods**

From **December 16, 2010 to December 16, 2013**, vacated channels identified by this *Public Notice* will be available exclusively for licensing to public safety eligible entities. From **December 16, 2013 to December 16, 2015**, vacated channels identified by this *Public Notice* will be available exclusively for licensing to public safety eligible entities and critical infrastructure industry eligible entities.

#### **Continued Operation By Sprint Subject to 60 Days Notice**

**Applicants who receive licenses for channels vacated by Sprint in accordance with this *Public Notice* must provide 60 days notice to Sprint before they activate a channel for testing or the commencement of operations.** Sprint may continue existing operations on channels covered by this *Public Notice* after new licenses are granted until 60 days after the new licensee notifies Sprint of its intention to activate the channel(s) for testing or commencement of operations. This advance notice must be provided to Sprint by email at 800mhzinterleavedspectrum@sprint.com. Upon receipt of such notice, Sprint must cease operation on the channel(s) specified in the notice within 60 days to the extent necessary to comply with the co-channel spacing requirements of Section 90.621(b) of the rules. New licenses granted pursuant to this *Public Notice* will be conditioned on providing such 60-day notice to Sprint.

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<sup>28</sup> See Memorandum of Agreement.

<sup>29</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 90.621(b)(4).

**Additional Information**

For further information, contact Tracy Simmons, Policy Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, at (717) 338-2657 or [Tracy.Simmons@fcc.gov](mailto:Tracy.Simmons@fcc.gov), or Brian Marengo, Policy Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, at (202) 418-0838 or [Brian.Marengo@fcc.gov](mailto:Brian.Marengo@fcc.gov).

Action by Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau.

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## Appendix A

**Table 1 – Initial Filing Window Dates for Vacated Sprint Channels Available to Public Safety Entities by NPSAPAC Region<sup>30</sup>**

Region #	Region	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
1	Alabama	1/28/2009	12/2/2009			
2	Alaska	1/28/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009
3	Arizona <sup>31</sup>	1/28/2009				
4	Arkansas	1/28/2009	12/16/2010	12/16/2010	12/16/2010	12/16/2010
6	Northern California <sup>32</sup>	1/28/2009				
7	Colorado	1/28/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/16/2010	12/16/2010
8	Metropolitan, NYC Area (NY, NJ, & CT) <sup>33</sup>	1/28/2009				
9	Florida	1/28/2009				
10	Georgia	1/28/2009	12/16/2010	12/16/2010	12/16/2010	12/16/2010
11	Hawaii	1/28/2009	12/16/2010	12/16/2010	12/16/2010	12/16/2010
12	Idaho <sup>34</sup>	1/28/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009
13	Illinois (except Southern Lake Michigan counties)	1/28/2009	12/2/2009	12/16/2010	12/16/2010	12/16/2010
14	Indiana (except Southern Lake Michigan counties) <sup>35</sup>	1/28/2009				
15	Iowa	1/28/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009
16	Kansas	1/28/2009				

<sup>30</sup> Individual counties within a Public Safety Region may be on a different schedule. Consequently, applicants should always refer to the VCSE to determine which specific channels are available in their area.

<sup>31</sup> Counties not included: Cochise, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Maricopa, Mohave, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai, and Yuma.

<sup>32</sup> Counties not included: Fresno, Inyo, Kings, Monterey, San Benito and Tulare.

<sup>33</sup> Counties not included: Fairfield, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, CT; Bergen, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Warren, NJ; Bronx, Dutchess, Nassau, New York, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Rockland, Suffolk, Sullivan, Ulster, Westchester, NY.

<sup>34</sup> Counties not included: Adams, Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, Nez, Perce, Shoshone.

<sup>35</sup> Counties not included: Adams, Allen, Bartholomew, Blackford, Brown, Clark, Dearborn, Decatur, De Kalb, Delaware, Fayette, Franklin, Fulton, Grant, Hamilton, Hancock, Henry, Howard, Huntington, Jackson, Jay, Jefferson, Jennings, Johnson, Kosciusko, Lagrange, Madison, Marion, Miami, Noble, Ohio, Randolph, Ripley, Rush, Scott, Shelby, Steuben, Switzerland, Tipton, Union, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, Wells, Whitley.

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17	Kentucky <sup>36</sup>	1/28/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/16/2010	12/16/2010
18	Louisiana	1/28/2009				
20	District of Columbia, Maryland, & Northern VA <sup>37</sup>	1/28/2009				
22	Minnesota <sup>38</sup>	1/28/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009
23	Mississippi	1/28/2009	12/16/2010	12/16/2010	12/16/2010	12/16/2010
24	Missouri	1/28/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/16/2010	12/16/2010
25	Montana <sup>39</sup>	1/28/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009
26	Nebraska <sup>40</sup>	1/28/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/16/2010	12/16/2010
27	Nevada	1/28/2009	12/16/2010			
28	Eastern Pennsylvania (east of Harrisburg, southern NJ & DE) <sup>41</sup>	1/28/2009				
29	New Mexico <sup>42</sup>	1/28/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/16/2010	12/16/2010
31	North Carolina	1/28/2009				
32	North Dakota	1/28/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009
34	Oklahoma	1/28/2009	12/16/2010			
35	Oregon <sup>43</sup>	1/28/2009	12/16/2010	12/16/2010	12/16/2010	12/16/2010
37	South Carolina	1/28/2009				
38	South Dakota	1/28/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009
39	Tennessee	1/28/2009	12/2/2009	12/16/2010		

<sup>36</sup> Anderson, Bath, Boone, Bourbon, Boyd, Bracken, Breathitt, Campbell, Carroll, Carter, Clark, Elliott, Estill, Fayette, Fleming, Floyd, Franklin, Gallatin, Grant, Greenup, Harrison, Henry, Jefferson, Jessamine, Johnson, Kenton, Knott, Lawrence, Lee, Lewis, Madison, Magoffin, Martin, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Oldham, Owen, Pendleton, Pike, Powell, Robertson, Rowan, Scott, Shelby, Trimble, Wolfe, Woodford.

<sup>37</sup> Counties not included: District of Columbia: Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Cecil, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, Washington, Baltimore city, MD; Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William, Alexandria City, Fairfax City, Falls Church City, Manassas City, Manassas, Park City.

<sup>38</sup> Counties not included: Cook, Lake.

<sup>39</sup> Counties not included: Lincoln, Sanders.

<sup>40</sup> County not included: Clark.

<sup>41</sup> Counties not included: New Castle, DE; Berks, Bradford, Carbon, Chester, Columbia, Dauphin, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, Monroe, Montgomery, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Pike, Schuylkill, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Wayne, Wyoming, York, PA.

<sup>42</sup> Counties not included: Chaves, Dona Ana, Eddy, Grant, Hidalgo, Lea, Lincoln, Luna, Otero, and Sierra.

<sup>43</sup> Counties not included: Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Gilliam, Grant, Hood River, Jefferson, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Polk, Sherman, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, Washington, Wheeler, Yamhill.

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40	Texas (Central & Northeast)	1/28/2009	12/16/2010			
41	Utah	1/28/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/16/2010
42	Virginia <sup>44</sup>	1/28/2009				
44	West Virginia <sup>45</sup>	1/28/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/16/2010	12/16/2010
45	Wisconsin (except Southern Lake Michigan counties) <sup>46</sup>	1/28/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/16/2010
46	Wyoming	1/28/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/16/2010
49	Texas - Central (Austin Area)	1/28/2009				
50	Texas - West & Central (Midland Area) <sup>47</sup>	1/28/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009
51	Texas - East (Houston Area)	1/28/2009				
52	Texas - Panhandle, High Plains & Northwest (Lubbock Area) <sup>48</sup>	1/28/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009	12/2/2009
53	Texas - Southern (San Antonio Area) <sup>49</sup>	1/28/2009	12/16/2010			
54	Southern Lake Michigan (Great Lakes inc. WI, IL, & IN) <sup>50</sup>	1/28/2009				
61	Gulf of Mexico*	12/16/2010	12/16/2010	12/16/2010	12/16/2010	12/16/2010
62	Marianas*	12/16/2010	12/16/2010	12/16/2010	12/16/2010	12/16/2010

<sup>44</sup> Counties not included: Clarke, Frederick, Page, Rappahannock, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Warren, Winchester City.

<sup>45</sup> Counties not included: Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Hampshire, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Pleasants, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Webster, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, Wyoming.

<sup>46</sup> Counties not included: Ashland, Bayfield, Brown, Calumet, Door, Douglas, Florence, Forest, Iron, Kewaunee, Langlade, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Marathon, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Outagamie, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Shawano, Sheboygan, Taylor, Vilas, Washburn, Waupaca.

<sup>47</sup> Counties not included: Andrews, Borden, Brewster, Coke, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Dawson, Ector, El Paso, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Hudspeth, Irion, Jeff Davis, Kimble, Loving, Martin, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Tom Green, Upton, Ward, and Winkler.

<sup>48</sup> County not included: Yoakum.

<sup>49</sup> Counties not included: Aransas, Atascosa, Bandera, Bee, Bexar, Brooks, Cameron, Comal, Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, Frio, Gillespie, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kendall, Kenedy, Kerr, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Live Oak, Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Nueces, Real, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, Willacy, Wilson, Zapata, and Zavala.

<sup>50</sup> Counties not included: Elkhart, La Porte, Marshall, St. Joseph, Starke, IN; Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo, Kent, Muskegon, Ottawa, St. Joseph, Van Buren, Ozauxee, MI. The VCSE identifier for this region is 541 for counties in Wave 1 and 544 for counties in Wave 4.

Region #	Region	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
63	Guam*	12/16/2010	12/16/2010	12/16/2010	12/16/2010	12/16/2010
64	American Samoa*	12/16/2010	12/16/2010	12/16/2010	12/16/2010	12/16/2010

\* These regions are not official NPSPAC Regions but they are subject to band reconfiguration and they have been assigned region numbers for purposes of searching the Vacated Channel Search Engine.

## Appendix B

Licensees that are ineligible to apply for vacated channels as of the release date of this Public Notice

Region 1 (Alabama)

Hartselle, AL

Mobile, AL

Mobile Co., AL

Morgan Co., AL

State of Alabama - Dep't of Public Safety

Region 10 (Georgia)

Henry County, GA

Region 16 (Kansas)

Ellsworth Co., KS

Region 18 (Louisiana)

Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office (Region 1), LA

New Orleans Police Dep't, LA

Region 19 (New England)

Cambridge, MA

City of Boston Public Health Commission

State of Connecticut

Region 23 (Mississippi)

Mississippi State Univ.

Region 28 (Delaware, Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey)

Montgomery Co., PA

City of Philadelphia, PA

New Jersey Transit

Region 31 (North Carolina)  
New Bern, NC

Region 39 (Tennessee)  
Obion Co., TN

Region 42 (Virginia)  
Chesterfield Co., VA  
Henrico Co., VA  
Richmond, VA

Region 54 (Chicago-Metropolitan)  
Illinois Public Safety Agency Network